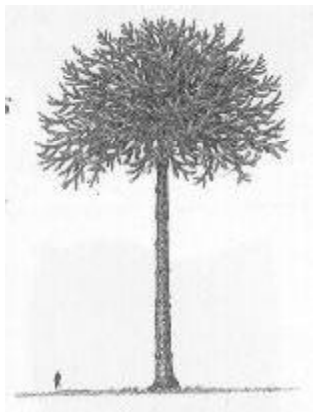
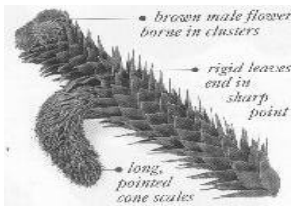


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cone and leaf structure



Monkey Puzzle

Araucaria araucana

Typically this tree does not exceed 160' in height. Its crown is described as unique. The leaves are ovate, to 2" long and 3/4" wide, broad at the base, with a spiny tip, glossy dark green, overlapping all around the shoot. The bark is gray and wrinkled.

-Courtesy of "Trees" by Allen J. Coombes, published by Dorling Kindersley, Inc.



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DNR URBAN and COMMUNITY FORESTRY PROGRAM

As 1997 comes to a close, it is time to reflect on what has been accomplished over the past year and what we have to look forward to in 1998. Just a reminder that Tree City USA applications are due by December 31. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

WASHINGTON COMMUNITY FORESTRY COUNCIL AWARD RECIPIENTS

We are excited to announce the recipients of the 1st Annual Washington Community Forestry Council Awards. The goal of this program is to recognize individuals and community organizations that help enhance our community forests. Congratulations to our recipients for their outstanding contributions to urban forestry!

Individuals:

Shelly & Alan Haywood - recognized for their outstanding commitment to stewardship and education for landowners on the urban/rural fringe.

Jean Norwood - recognized for her service of more than 35 years to community forestry for the City of Vancouver.

Larry Phillips - recognized for his outstanding dedication to retain and restore trees along city streets, in backyards and in public open spaces in King County.

Dave Steiner - recognized for his work with youth on the restoration of the riparian zone of Nickel Creek.

Organizations:

East Lake Washington District of Garden Clubs - recognized for their effort in planting 1,000 trees over a two-year period to fulfill the national garden clubs goal to plant a million trees.

Fairchild AFB Urban Forestry Program - recognized for their commitment and care of the community forest on the air force base and has qualified as a Tree City USA for the past three years.

North Central Washington Take Pride in America - recognized for their public awareness campaign that encourages and fosters stewardship of land and water resources in North Central Washington.

Olympia NeighborWoods Program - the city is recognized for its innovative program that offers training to volunteers coupled with free street trees grown in the City/High School Nursery.

Sumner Urban Forestry Program - recognized for their commitment to and care of the community forest in Sumner and has qualified as a Tree City USA for the past three years.

Washington Association of Landscape Professionals - recognized for their contributions of goods and services to develop Cascade View Community Park in Everett.

STATE'S FIRST TEEN TREE STEWARD PROGRAM IS A SUCCESS

What started as a dream became a reality on November 15, 1997, with the graduation of 12 teens from the state's first Teen Tree Steward Program in Vancouver, WA. The teens that spent ten Saturdays dedicating themselves to learning how to care for and maintain trees growing in their area are: Molly Bartels, Brandon Griffith, Ryan Griffith, Melissa C. Heng, Danielle Hix, Jennifer Hix, Josh Kent, Kevin Lee, Maithy Ngo, Crystal Passon, Rochelle Smith-Perin, and Ashley Slaughter. These students visited local tree nurseries, gardens and parks, had classes on tree identification, tree biology, soils and site conditions and tree-climbing methods. They learned about pruning, watering and damage control for trees as well as proper planting methods. These Teen Tree Stewards are well equipped to provide mentorship for others on proper care of our most vital infrastructure - trees, in the Vancouver area. A second Teen Tree Steward Program is scheduled for Spring 1998. For more information, contact Elizabeth Walker, Vancouver City Forester, at (360) 735-8873, ext. 8086.

ISA CERTIFIED ARBORISTS EXAMS

12/12/97 Seattle, WA	05/16/98 Albany, OR
01/30/98 Spokane, WA	06/06/98 Twin Falls, ID
02/21/98 Roseburg, OR	07/18/98 Anchorage, AK
03/07/98 Langley, BC	08/08/98 Sunriver, OR
03/14/98 Boise, ID	11/07/98 Boise, ID
04/25/98 Victoria, BC	

For more information on review sessions, study guides, exam locations, registration and costs, please contact the ISA Pacific Northwest Chapter at 206-784-1945 or 800-335-4391.

In the works (continued)

Did you know? In Milwaukee, contractors working on street projects are fined \$50 for nicking a tree or breaking a branch. After five incidents, it goes up to \$100 per tree. For any right-of-way tree destroyed or removed, the fine is \$100 per inch of diameter.

TRIVIA: True or False: About 85% of a tree's roots are located within the top 18 inches of soil.

(answers upside down below)

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The purpose of the Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is to assist communities and nonprofit groups in building self-sustaining urban forestry and tree care programs with strong local support.

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SHARE YOUR SUCCESS STORY

A "Best of the West" conference is being planned for September 16-18, 1998, in San Francisco. Subtitle for the conference is: "Common Challenges and Shared Solutions in Urban and Community Forestry." The goal of the conference is to bring together leaders from across the western states to address prominent issues impacting urban and community forestry. Central to the program will be the presentation of several success stories that exemplify leadership, innovation and practical solutions in response to serious community forestry challenges. The search is on for stories that either have broad application to the western region, or exemplify unique problem-solving partnerships and innovation in a particular state. Examples include: training methods, change brought about through partnerships, tree planting as an activity to bring together diverse people for the purpose of healing, unity and shared decision-making, forestry programs that curb the effects of urbanization, youth activities, etc. Proposals are due by January 9. Selected speakers will receive a \$250 stipend to help cover the cost of travel to the conference. For more information, contact Greg McPherson at 916-752-5897.

CALLING ALL 5TH GRADERS - NATIONAL ARBOR DAY POSTER CONTEST NEEDS YOU

The National Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with Washington Department of Natural Resources and Washington Arbor Day Council are sponsoring the Arbor Day National Poster Contest with the theme **Trees are Terrific . . . in Cities and Towns!** This contest is open to students currently in the fifth grade. Each participating school will have one winner, the state will have one winner, and one of the state winners will become the 1998 Arbor Day National Poster Contest winner. The national winner, his/her teacher, and one parent will be guests of The National Arbor Day Foundation at the 1998 Arbor Day celebration in Nebraska City, NE. The national winner also receives a \$500 savings bond and a framed copy of his/her poster from the Foundation. The national winner's teacher receives \$200 for classroom materials. For more information on the poster contest or to receive a poster contest kit, please call Tracy Salisbury at 800-523-8733 or 360-902-1704.

Urban and Community Forestry in cyberspace - these are just a few websites that have great information.

- TreeLink www.treelink.org
- PlantAmnesty www.plantamnesty.org
- American Forests

December

- 2-3 Washington Turf & Landscape Seminar at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, WA. Contact 253-925-5638 for more information.
- 6 4th Annual Tree Solstice Celebration and Potluck, 5-10 p.m. at Camp Long. Contact Liz Ellis at 206-684-5008 for more information.
- 10 PlantAmnesty Annual Membership Meeting. Contact Cass Turnbull at 206-783-9813 for more information.
- 12 ISA-Certified Arborist Exam, Seattle WA. Contact PNW ISA at 206-784-1945 or 800-335-4391 for more information.
- 31 Deadline for Tree City USA applications. Contact Tracy Salisbury at 800-523-8733 or 360-902-1704 for more information.

January

- 6 Deadline for Pre-proposals for National Urban Forestry Grants. Contact Suzanne del Villar at 970-928-9264 for more information.
- 15 Washington Community Forestry Council meeting, location TBA. Contact tish carr at 360-902-1703 for more information.
- 29-30 12th Annual Turf, Tree & Landscape Conference, "The Business of Urban Horticulture" at the Doubletree Hotel in Spokane, WA. Contact Washington State University at 800-942-4978 or 509-335-3530 for more information.